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Cape Charles, Va., December 18.—The four-masted schooner Catharine D. Perry, en route from Portland, Me., under ballast, bound for Sewell's Point, Va., to be loaded with coal, is aground in shallow water on the southwest end of Nantux Island, near Smith Island, this morning. The distress signals were seen by the life-saving crew of Smith Island Station, and the crew, in charge of Captain George D. Hitchens, went to the rescue. The vessel was battered about by the heavy seas since early this morning. The life-saving crew, after working many hours, succeeded in saving all on board the ill-fated vessel and were taken ashore in the lifeboats. Late to-night the vessel broke in two and sank, a total wreck. The schooner was in charge of Captain Haul, of Portland, and is owned by New York parties.

VIRGINIANS AT THE HOTELS

Lexington—G. M. Crawford, Staunton; T. A. Campbell, Wilmington; F. D. Cunningham, Virginia; W. S. Nichols, South Boston; U. Bartlett, Amelia Courthouse; J. A. Jones, Danville; H. B. Lane, Danville; D. M. Gannaway, Guinea Mills; R. D. Pitts, Scottsville; W. H. Brewer, Fredericksburg; Davis—Mrs. F. M. Shreve, Newport News; W. H. Farthing, Barhamville; J. L. Jones, Petersburg; G. W. Mauck, Harrisonburg.

Murphy's—Dr. W. B. Murphy, Snow Hill; C. A. Woodrum, Roanoke; S. W. Halston, Roanoke; R. L. Ellis, White Wood; O. L. Hardy, Keyville; George A. Grover, South Boston; A. T. Hart, Mecklenburg county; Marshall McCormick, Virginia; J. R. Moody, Clifton Forge; Mr. and Mrs. A. L.

WELL, NEW BOARD WILL FIX ALL THIS

Street Committee Not Satisfied With Method of Assessing Damages.

AND WHEN IS A HOLIDAY?

Some City Employees Needed Whole Day Off in Order to Vote.

Several times during a meeting of the Council Committee on Streets last night members took occasion to express dissatisfaction with the work of Assessor of Damages A. C. Harman and with the law under which the assessments for grading damages are made. Mr. Nelson, of Marshall Ward, stated that appraisements of damages for grading certain sections of Nicholson and Louisiana Streets had been ordered last January, and that no report had been forthcoming in eleven months. Another case was cited on Grace Street, west of the Boulevard, where \$275 damages had been allowed in the case of one vacant lot for a very slight change of grade for the sidewalk, in order to put in curb and gutter, all other property owners on the block having released the city from all damages in order to secure the improvement.

The opinion was several times expressed that Assessor Harman was not only dilatory and slow in making his returns, but that he had been entirely too liberal in his allowances, giving damages in many instances where the value of the property was a matter of fact, is greatly enhanced by the improvement.

Law is Defective. Much of the blame, however, is stated to lie in the state law on the subject, which greatly impairs the assessor in his work. Under the old Constitution public improvements could be made by the city without regard on the part of abutting property owners. The new Constitution not only provides for payment in the case of actual use of private property for public purposes, but also for any damage by reason of abutting improvements, and many citizens have shown a disposition to hold the city to the old law, not only in the case of public improvements, but also in the case of private improvements. The new Constitution was not put in force until last January, and the city was not allowed to make any improvements until that time. The city was not allowed to make any improvements until that time. The city was not allowed to make any improvements until that time.

For years the city went ahead with improvements and allowed such property owners as considered themselves aggrieved to sue and recover such judgments as the courts allowed. A comparatively few old suits, objection was raised that the City Council and Street Committee were not put on notice what the improvement would cost and were, therefore, working in the dark.

The last General Assembly enacted a statute providing for the employment of an Assessor of Damages, but so much red tape is involved—so much reporting to the Council for authority to make the assessment—so much reference of the report to committees, and so many delays to allow property owners time to appeal are required by the statute, that members of the committee last night expressed the view that the last estate was worse than the first, and Messrs. Pollock, Lynch and Haddon were appointed a subcommittee to confer with the City Attorney to see if a simpler and more direct method of procedure could not be devised.

No Notice of Cost.

The present system is no gain over the former as the reports of the Assessor made to the Council—not to the Committee on Streets—are a binding judgment against the city, and the committee therefore, in ordering a public improvement, is as much in the dark as it ever was as to the probable cost, and the consequent desirability in view of the limited funds for street work. Several instances have arisen where the report of the Assessor was approved and the damages allowed by him paid only to find that there were no funds then available for the grading, and the city has therefore paid for a right which it will not exercise. If the property changes hands without notice to the purchaser, it will have to

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pay again for the right to grade in all of these instances.

A subcommittee which has investigated the claim of Contractor C. G. Burton for extra allowances on construction of the West Street sewer, reported to the Street Committee, recommending that the claim be rejected, and the committee approved the report.

Take All Day to Vote.

City Engineer Bolling asked for instructions as to what constitutes a legal holiday. Day laborers in the Street Department, he reported, had applied for the entire day off on November 4 last—the day of the general election—and after consulting the Mayor, he had declined to allow all men to get off at 2:30 P. M. in order to

vote. It developed later that the Street Cleaning, Water and Gas Departments gave their day laborers an entire day off at the city's expense in order that they might vote, and the street hands consider that they have been hardly treated. Members of the committee stated that they had found time to vote without greatly interfering with their business affairs, and saw no reason why city employees should hang about the polls all day, and the action of the City Engineer was approved. To secure uniformity of action, the City Attorney was asked to rule as to what are legal holidays, and whether on such days men employed as day laborers should be carried on the payroll without rendering any service whatever.

News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau. The Times-Dispatch. 1029 Hull Street. Phone Madison 114.

No agreement, whereby the Washington Ward delegation can go to the joint session of the City Council Wednesday night with the solid indorsement of a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Board of Fire Commissioners, caused by the death of George E. Gary, has yet been reached. This means that all three candidates who are in the field—D. L. Toney, ex-member of the Legislature, National Bank and John Z. Walker, city salesman of the Standard Oil Company—will be placed in nomination by their supporters.

To Hear Appeal To-Day.

On an appeal from a decision of Justice H. A. Maurice, of Police Court, Part 2, E. P. Watkins, who was ordered to pay \$5 a week towards the support of his wife, will be tried this morning by Judge E. H. Wells in Hustings Court, Part 2.

In Police Court.

Tanyard Bottom was represented in Police Court, Part 2, yesterday morning by 125 usual quota of Police Sunday offenders, among them being eight craphooters, who were caught in the midst of a hot game by Officer Waymack. The men had an opportunity to scold, but knowing that they were well acquainted with all present they quietly submitted to arrest and were marched in line to the Third Police Station. When called before Justice Maurice they made no defense. A \$5 fine was collected from each.

Eldridge Auburn and Charles Hilton, negroes, were each required to pay a fine of \$5 and costs for raising a disturbance in an up-town saloon Saturday night.

Julia Bell Hobson, arrested on a charge of using vile language on the street, was assessed \$5 and costs. William Carter, negro, arrested on a warrant sworn out by the Hobson woman, charging him with the same offense, was dismissed, the evidence showing the warrant was a result of spite.

The case of Lizzie Ross, colored, charged with the theft of \$2.50 from Samuel Jones, was continued until this morning.

On a warrant sworn out by his wife Ernest Matthews, colored, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon by Officer Daugh-

an, charged with sleeping and choking the complainant.

Bar Association to Meet. For the purpose of holding memorial services and adopting suitable resolutions on the death of Judge John H. Ingram a meeting of the South Richmond Bar Association has been called for 5 o'clock this morning in the courtroom of Hustings Court, Part 2.

Unlawful Entry Charge.

An attorney's memorandum, serving notice of a suit to be filed by Davis Perlin against Charles E. Spitzer and wife, for unlawful entry and detainer, was entered in the office of Clerk DuVal, of the Hustings Court, Part 2, yesterday.

Red Cross Station.

A station for the sale of Red Cross stamps in South Richmond has been established in the post-office lobby by the King's

Daughters, who will have charge of the station, which will be kept open all week. In referring to the recent campaign for funds, conducted by the King's Daughters, the leader, Mrs. S. H. Bemis, expressed herself as being extremely gratified at the response to the call for the money, which is used to relieve any case of necessity which is brought to the notice of the chapter, and wished to thank the public for its kindness and generosity.

Lodge Officers Elected.

At the regular monthly communication of the Manchester Lodge, No. 11, A. F. and A. M., held last night in the lodge room in the Masonic Temple, the following officers were elected: William Jones, worshipful master; C. S. Wells, senior warden; J. T. Wilmoth, junior warden; Charles Watkins, treasurer; John R. Robinson, secretary; Clarence Hinant, senior deacon; Hiram Walker, junior deacon; Rev. J. T. Halsey, Rev. W. C. Sale, chaplains; J. A. Williams, tiler; J. S. Saunders, steward; A. S. Wright, steward; W. F. Bryce, C. L. Wells and John R. Robinson, trustees.

Plans for Orphans.

Through the generosity of some of the prominent business men of the Southside many large donations of food, clothing and furniture have been secured by the women, led by Mrs. W. J. Carter, 1201 Porter Street, who are seeking funds to provide for a merry Christmas for the orphans at the Bethany Home at Bon Air.

The home, which was until the recent death of Mrs. Burroughs, under her supervision, is now carried on by her husband, who has forty-seven children under his care. The institution is strictly charitable and is conducted on contributions of friends.

Cholera Decreasing.

Chilasso, December 18.—The official bulletin issued by the Italian government regarding the cholera epidemic in Italy shows that the disease has very materially decreased during the week of December 3 to 9. The cholera is now limited to two provinces in Sicily. During that period there were twenty-seven cases and twenty-four deaths reported. The remainder of the Kingdom is declared to be immune.

home. All orphans of the Southside will be admitted free.

The food and clothing which has been secured will not be sent away until Wednesday afternoon, and any other contributions will be gladly received.

Personal and General.

"Squire J. T. Willard, E. L. Kidd and W. R. Hart left yesterday afternoon for a week's hunt in Mississippi.

Leslie Anderson, of New York, is spending a few days on the Southside with his parents.

Dr. E. Stewart Honaker has left for Puget Sound, Va., where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

Thomas Fisher, an old resident of Manchester, was in the city yesterday renewing old acquaintances.

David Griffith, of Spotsylvania, S. C., is visiting his parents on Decatur Street.

Mrs. Mary Lamb, of Lancaster, N. Y., is the guest of her brother, Charles Lamb.

Harry, the small son of F. B. Dunford, of Decatur Street, is down with an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. H. E. Stuart, of Bainbridge Street, is visiting her mother in Philadelphia.

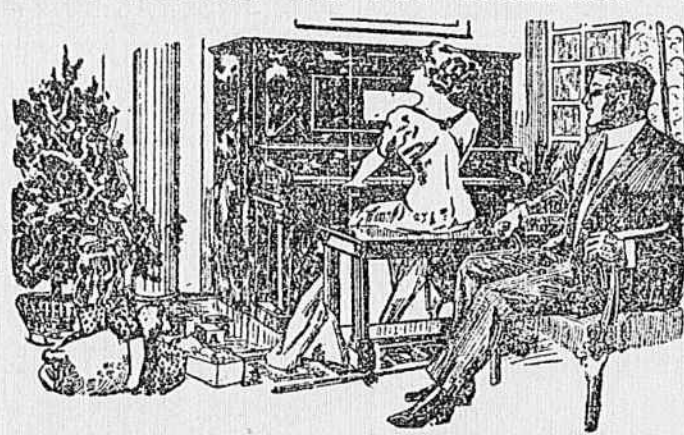
Stonewall Jackson Aerie of Eagles will hold their weekly meeting to-night in Toney's Hall.

Stuart Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., will hold its weekly meeting to-night at Eighth and Hull Streets.

Liberty Council, Jr. O. C. A. M., will hold a regular meeting to-night.

Indianola Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, held its regular meeting last night.

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